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## **About This Guide**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Installation Guide is to provide explanations and procedures for installing and configuring the GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit.

## Scope

The Guide provides safety guidelines, procedures for installing the GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit, as well as information about configuring the Ethernet Communications Kit protocol for proper operation. It does not provide details about the GT Three Phase Grid Tie Inverters. You need to consult the Operation manual and/or Installation manual for this information.

#### **Audience**

The Guide is intended for anyone who needs to install and operate the GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit. *Installers should be certified technicians or electricians*.

## **Organization**

This Guide is organized into three chapters:

Chapter 1, "Introduction", contains a description of the Ethernet Communications Kit and lists the specifications and requirements needed for use

Chapter 2, "Installation", contains procedures on how to de-energize the Inverter, install the new Ethernet Communications Kit, and re-energize the Inverter.

Chapter 3, "Configuration", describes how to configure and activate the Ethernet Communications Kit to establish communication with the Inverter

#### **Conventions Used**

The following conventions are used in this guide.



#### WARNING

Warnings identify conditions or practices that could result in personal injury or loss of life



#### **CAUTION**

Cautions identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to the unit or other equipment.

**Important:** These notes describe things which are important for you to know, but not as serious as a caution or warning.

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## **Important Safety Instructions**

#### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS - DO NOT DISCARD

This manual contains important safety instructions for the GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit that must be followed during installation and maintenance procedures.



#### **WARNING: Shock Hazard**

Read and keep this Installation Guide for future reference.

Before operating and maintaining the Ethernet Communications Kit, read all instructions, cautionary markings, and all other appropriate sections of this manual. Failure to adhere to these warnings could result in severe shock or possible death. Exercise extreme caution at all times to prevent accidents.



#### **WARNING: Shock Hazard**

The Inverter Enclosures contain exposed high voltage conductors. The Inverter enclosure doors should remain closed with the latches tightened, except during maintenance or testing. These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel who meet all local and governmental code requirements for licensing and training for the installation of Electrical Power Systems with AC and DC voltage to 600 volts. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing other than that specified in the installation instructions unless you are qualified to do so. Do not open the cabinet doors if extreme moisture is present (rain or heavy dew).



#### **WARNING: Lethal Voltage**

In order to remove all sources of voltage from the Inverter, the incoming power must be de-energized at the source. This may be done at the main utility circuit breaker and by opening the AC Disconnect and the DC Disconnect Switch on the Ethernet Communications Kit. Review the system configuration to determine all of the possible sources of energy. In addition, allow five minutes for the DC bus capacitors to discharge after removing power. Follow the "Lockout and Tag" procedure on page viii to de-energize the Ethernet Communications Kit.



#### WARNING: Shock hazard

If a ground fault has occurred, there may be potential between TB4 and GND. The normally grounded pole may be energized and ungrounded.

#### Risks



#### WARNING: Shock hazard

Parts of the capacitor charge will still be energized for a maximum of five minutes after being disconnected.

Open doors only after the device is disconnected and discharged. Check whether the device is no longer live (DC voltage) including terminals TB3 and TB4.



#### **WARNING: Amputation hazard**

The inverters contain integrated ventilators including rotating ventilator wheels. Do not place fingers in ventilator.



#### WARNING: Burn hazard

Inverters contain components that become hot during normal operation. Do not touch



#### **CAUTION: Equipment Damage**

Sensitive electronics inside the Inverter can be destroyed when touched and when electrostatically charged. Discharge via earth potential before touching and wear appropriate protective gear.



#### **CAUTION: Equipment Damage**

No connections or disconnections are to be made at the terminal strips or internal connectors during operation.

Turn unit off before performing terminal work; wait five minutes (capacitor charge) and recheck to ensure internal components are no longer live.

## **General Safety Precautions**

- When installing the Ethernet Communications Kit in GT Series Three
  Phase Grid Tie Inverters use only components recommended or sold by
  Xantrex. Doing otherwise may result in a risk of fire, electric shock,
  injury to persons, and will void the warranty.
- Do not attempt to operate the Ethernet Communications Kit if it has been dropped, or received more than cosmetic damage during transport or shipping. If the Ethernet Communications Kit is damaged, or suspected to be damaged, see the Warranty section of this manual.
- 3. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, lock-out and tag the inverters before attempting any maintenance, service, or cleaning.

#### **Personal Safety**

Follow these instructions to ensure your safety while installing the Ethernet Communications Kit in Inverter Grid Tie Inverters

#### **Qualified Personnel**

Only qualified personnel should perform the transportation, installation and initial operation and maintenance of the GT Series Three Phase Grid Tie Inverters in accordance with National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70, as well as all state and local code requirements. Follow all national accident prevention regulations.

Qualified personnel, within the meaning of these basic safety regulations, will be people who are familiar with the installation, assembly, start-up and operation of the GT Series Three Phase Grid Tie Inverters and have the appropriate qualifications with respect to their functions.

#### **Safety Equipment**

Authorized service personnel must be equipped with standard safety equipment including the following:

- Safety glasses and ear protection
- Steel-toed safety boots and safety hard hats
- Padlocks and tags
- Appropriate meter to verify that the circuits are de-energized (1000 Vac and DC rated, minimum)

Check local safety regulations for other requirements.

## **Operational Safety Procedures**

Never work alone when servicing this equipment. A team of two is required until the equipment is properly de-energized, locked-out and tagged, and verified de-energized with a meter.

Thoroughly inspect the equipment prior to energizing. Verify that no tools or equipment have inadvertently been left behind.

#### **Lockout and Tag**

Safety requirements mandate that this equipment not be serviced while energized. Power sources for the Ethernet Communications Kit must be locked-out and tagged prior to servicing. A padlock and tag should be installed on each energy source prior to servicing.



#### WARNING: Shock Hazard

Review the system schematic for the installation to verify that all available energy sources are de-energized. DC bus voltage may also be present. Be sure to wait the full five minutes to allow the capacitors to discharge completely

The Inverter can be energized from both the AC source and the DC source. To ensure that the inverter is de-energized prior to servicing, lockout and tag the Inverter using the following procedure.

- 1. Turn the Inverter main ON/OFF switch (S3) to the OFF position. This stops the inverter from exporting power to the AC utility grid.
- 2. Open, lockout, and tag the incoming power at the utility main circuit breaker.
- 3. Open, lockout, and tag the AC Disconnect (CB1) on the left door of the Inverter enclosure. See your GT100 or GT250 Grid Tie Inverter manual for the location of the AC Disconnect

4. Open, lockout, and tag the DC Disconnect Switch (S1) on the right door of the Inverter enclosure. See GT100 or GT250 Grid Tie Inverter manual for the location of the DC Disconnect Switch.



#### **CAUTION**

Once the DC Disconnect Switch is open, there will be DC voltage on the PV Array side of the switch where TB3, TB4, and TB5(PV GND) are located. This voltage may be as high as the Open-Circuit Voltage of the PV Array and is limited to 600VDC per NEC 690.

- 5. Using a confirmed, accurate meter, verify all power to the inverter is deenergized. A confirmed, accurate meter must be verified on a known voltage before use. Ensure that all incoming energy sources are deenergized by checking the following locations at all line-to-line and all line-to-ground configurations.
  - AC Utility Terminals: [TB1-A, TB1-B, TB1-C, TB1-N, and TB2(GND BUS)]
     See GT100 or GT250 Grid Tie Inverter manual for the location of these terminals.
  - PV Terminals: [TB3, TB4, and TB5 (PV GND)]
     See GT100 or GT250 Grid Tie Inverter manual for the location of these terminals.

#### **De-Energize/Isolation Procedure**

The following procedure should be followed to de-energize the Inverter for maintenance.



#### WARNING

The terminals of the DC input may be energized if the PV arrays are energized. In addition, allow five minutes for all capacitors within the main Enclosure to discharge after disconnecting the Inverter from AC and DC sources.

#### To isolate the Inverter:

- 1. Turn the main ON/OFF switch (S3) to the OFF position.
- 2. Open the utility connection circuit breaker.
- 3. Open the AC Disconnect.
- 4. Open the DC Disconnect Switch.
- 5. Install lockout devices on the utility connection circuit breaker, AC and DC disconnect switch.

## **Interconnection Standards Compliance**

The Ethernet Communications Kit complies with IEEE C37.90.1 requirements.

The Inverter complies with FCC Part 15 Class A requirements.

The Inverter is designed to meet NEC Article 690 and UL1741-2005 *Static Inverters And Charge Controllers For Use In Photovoltaic Power Systems*, which includes testing for IEEE 1547.1-2005, IEEE 929-2000 and IEEE 519-2000.

#### Intended Use

The Ethernet Communications Kit may only be used in GT Series Three Phase Grid Tie Inverters. It is not suitable for any other application areas.

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## **Installation and Configuration**

## **Description of the GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit**

The GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit is an option for the GT Series Three Phase Grid Tie Inverters.

The Ethernet Communications Kit is an option that is available for remote plant monitoring. This enables users to monitor and control the inverter from a dedicated plant wide monitoring system.

#### **Interface Requirements**

The Ethernet interface requires a connection to a computer network system. External software will be used to retrieve data from the inverter.

#### **Installation**



#### **WARNING: Shock hazard**

Safety requirements mandate that this equipment not be serviced while energized. Power sources for the inverter must be locked-out and tagged (see "De-Energize/Isolation Procedure (Shutdown)") prior to servicing. A padlock and tag should be installed on each energy source prior to servicing.

#### **Equipment Required**

- Inverter Enclosure Key (7mm triangle key)
- Small flathead screwdriver
- Wire cutter or scissors to trim cable ties
- Ratchet with 10mm socket or 10mm nutdriver

#### **De-Energize/Isolation Procedure (Shutdown)**



#### WARNING: Shock hazard

The terminals of the PV input may be energized if the arrays are energized. In addition, allow 5 minutes for all capacitors within the enclosure to discharge after disconnecting the Grid Tie Inverter from AC and DC sources.

## Use the following procedure to isolate and de-energize the Inverter for maintenance:

- 1. Turn the main ON/OFF switch (S3) to the OFF position.
- 2. Open the utility connection circuit breaker.
- 3. Open the AC disconnect.
- 4. Open the DC disconnect switch.
- 5. Install lockout devices on the utility connection circuit breaker, AC and DC disconnect switch.

#### **Installing the Ethernet Communications Kit**

You will have to make connections to the CCU control board inside of the enclosure. Use caution not to discharge any static electricity onto the control board.

## Use the following procedure to install the new Ethernet Communications Kit:

1. Install the panel with the four M6 nuts.



Figure 1 Panel with Four M6 Nuts

- 2. Connect the fiber optic cable to the RS232/Fiber adapter.
- 3. Connect the orange cable to the TX connector on the RS232/Fiber adapter.
- 4. Connect the blue cable to the RX connector on the RS232/Fiber adapter. See Figure 2.

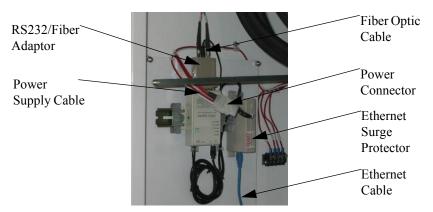


Figure 2 Ethernet Kit Cable Connections

- 5. Connect the Ethernet cable from the computer network to the unprotected connection on the Ethernet surge protector.
- 6. Connect the orange cable (U1002) to the U1002 connector on the CCU board.
- 7. Connect the blue cable (U1001) to the U1001 connector on the CCU board. See Figure 3.

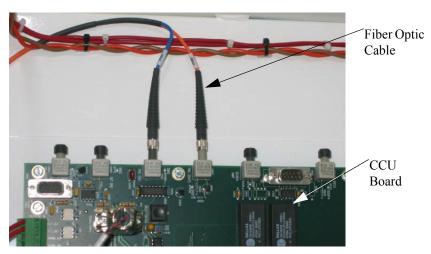


Figure 3 CCU Board Cable Connections

- 8. Secure the cable with plastic tie wraps.
- 9. Connect the power connector to the power supply cable.

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#### **Energize Procedure (Startup)**

#### Use the following procedure to turn on the Inverter:

- 1. Remove any lockout devices from the utility connection circuit breaker and PV disconnect switch.
- 2. Close the utility connection circuit breaker.
- 3. Close the AC disconnect.
- 4. Close the DC disconnect switch.
- Turn the ON/OFF switch (S3) to the ON position.
   After a short initialization period, the Inverter will automatically transition to 'Waking Up', given the PV voltage is greater than the PV V Start set point.

## **Configuring**

The Ethernet Communications Kit IP address and configuration are required before installing into the inverter.

The configuration can be performed from any desktop or laptop computer.

Hardware

DB25 Male to DB9 Female modem cable.

Software

NPORT Management Suite (supplied on the NPort Installation CD) MOXA PComm Program (http://web4.moxa.com/support/download.asp)

#### **LAN Interface Set-up**

#### To set-up the Ethernet Communications Kit:

- 1. Plug the power adapter's DC plug into Ethernet Communications Kit's DC-IN jack.
- 2. Plug the power adapter into an electrical outlet.
- 3. Connect the DB25 male connector of the modem cable to the Ethernet Communications Kit's serial connector.
- 4. Connect the DB9 female connector of the modem cable to a PC RS232 port (COMM port).
- 5. Connect the ethernet cable from the Ethernet Communications Kit's 10BaseT Ethernet connector to the LAN network

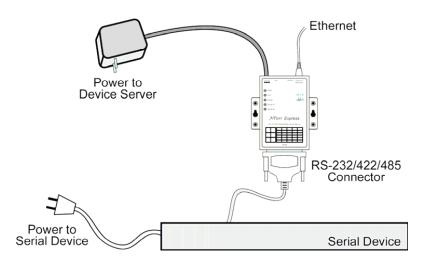


Figure 4 Ethernet Communications Kit Configuration Diagram

## **Configuring the LAN Interface**

To configure the Ethernet Communications Kit (NPort Express) follow the instructions provided on the NPort Installation CD.

## **Warranty and Return Information**

## Warranty

What does this warranty cover and how long does it last? This Limited Warranty is provided by Xantrex Technology Inc. ("Xantrex") and covers defects in workmanship and materials in your GT Series Three Phase Ethernet Communications Kit. This Warranty Period lasts for five (5) years from the date of purchase at the point of sale to you, the original end user customer, unless otherwise agreed in writing. You will be required to demonstrate proof of purchase to make warranty claims.

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When you contact Xantrex to obtain service, please have your instruction manual ready for reference and be prepared to supply:

- The serial number of your product
- Information about the installation and use of the unit
- Information about the failure and/or reason for the return
- A copy of your dated proof of purchase

Record these details on page WA-4.

#### **Return Procedure**

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- A contact telephone number where you can be reached during work hours.
- A brief description of the problem.

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